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CONTROLLED SURFACE USE STIPULATION Fossils

Surface Occupancy or use is subject to the following special operating constraints.

Prior to undertaking any surface-disturbing activities on the lands covered by this lease, the lessee or operator, unless notified to the contrary by the Forest Service, shall:

Contact the Forest Service to determine if a site-specific vertebrate paleontological inventory is required. The Forest Service will conduct inventories and surveys as part of the field review for the proposed activity on the lease. The operator may voluntarily engage the services of a qualified paleontologist to conduct the inventory.

Implement mitigation measures required by the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to preserve or avoid destruction of vertebrate paleontological resources. Mitigation may include relocation of proposed facilities or other protective measures.

The lessee or operator shall bring to the attention of the Forest Service any vertebrate paleontologic resources discovered as a result of surface operation under this lease, and shall leave such discoveries intact until directed to proceed by the Forest Service.

On the lands described below:

For the purpose of:

To protect fossils and immediate environment of the site, including inherent scientific, natural historic, interpretive, educational, and recreational values for the area potentially impacted.

Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see BLM Manual 1624 and 3101 or FS Manual 1950 and 2820.)